



• *Missing girl (Adeola), being carried by her father, Mr. Akinwumi Akinware. She got lost last month and up till now, she has not been found. Beside Mr. Akinware is his daughter, four-year-old Adedoyin.*

# Parents, School At War • Over Missing Pupil

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The parents of a two-year-old girl, Adeola Akinware, who went missing at the premises of St. Saviour's Nursery and Primary School, Ijegan, Ikotun, Lagos, are up in arms against the school's authorities over the fate of the girl.

The mother of the child, Mrs. Josephine Akinware, who is also a teacher at the secondary school section of the school, said she is still in shock and is holding the proprietress of the school, Mrs. Beatrice Buwa, responsible for the sudden disappearance of her child, who was in preparatory

class.

To compound the matter, the police at Ikotun Police Station seem to have done a shoddy investigation into the disappearance of the little Adeola from the school premises, despite the presence of the proprietress, head teacher and security men at the time the incident occurred.

P.M. News gathered that Adeola got missing from the school on Friday, 2 June, 2006, after the close of school in the presence of her elder sister, 4-year-old Adedoyin Akinware, while waiting for their mother to

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come and pick them.

On that fateful day, Mrs. Akinware told *P.M.News* that she arrived the primary school at about 4:30 p.m. to pick up her children, but was stopped and taken to the proprietress' office instead, who engaged her in a discussion.

According to her, the proprietress told her to go and have sex with her husband at the weekend perhaps to have another child and report to her the following Monday, which she said was unusual of Mrs. Buwa.

It was after the discussion that she discovered that her child was missing and immediately raised an alarm. Until now, the child is yet to be found. More interesting

is the fact that the security men at the school's gate confirmed that the child never left the school's premises.

Mrs. Akinware said her older daughter told her that she saw the school's driver pick up her sister in the vehicle and took her away.

"Where is my baby? They should look for my child. They should help me unravel the mystery," the missing baby's mother cried out.

The police at Ikotun said there is a dispute over the child.

When *P.M.News* visited the school, the proprietress was not around but the Head Teacher, Mr. Anthony Oseni confirmed that the child got missing at the premises of the school, describing the incident as a mystery.

He could not tell *P.M.News* how the girl was kidnapped from the school compound with

security men at the gate, but denied that the proprietress has a hand in the saga.

On the allegation that the proprietress told Mrs. Akinware to have sex with her husband, Oseni said his boss might have said that, out of pure motive because "Madam is a very close person to her. She and the proprietress are like mother and daughter. She has taught in this school for 13 years."

The Head Teacher told *P.M.News* that when they discovered that the child was missing, the proprietress organised a search party for the child and reported the incident at the Ikotun Police station.

Contrary to what the Head Teacher told *P.M.News* that the child got missing at the school's premises, the police said the child got missing outside the school's

premises.

The Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, told *P.M.News* that the parents of Adeola had arranged with a close relations to pick the child after the closing hour, saying that the child was picked by that person on the fateful day.

According to him, "the child never got missing in the school. If they know the people that took the child, they should tell us."

Ojajuni said some people had been arrested in connection with the missing child and had been charged to court, saying that "the police have done their job."

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